

Elaine Brodsky in recognition of their long-term commitment to local community and charitable causes. For almost 30 years, this North Brooklyn power couple has helped shape the Williamsburg neighborhood into the vibrant community it is today.

Elaine and Norm Brodsky have generously supported the local community and its charitable causes since opening CitiStorage, an archival storage and records management company, in Williamsburg, Brooklyn in 1990. They became full-time residents of the neighborhood in 2001, when Norm fulfilled his promise to build an apartment on the fourth floor of their office building/warehouse. Their family had been residents of Atlantic Beach for 32 years before moving to Brooklyn. The couple sold the company in 2007 but still live in Williamsburg, where they continue to be pillars of the community.

Norm, who was born in Brooklyn, attended Rider University and received his Doctorate of Law from Brooklyn Law School. He is currently involved in three entrepreneurial ventures—a chain of fast, casual Japanese restaurants in NYC, hotels in North Dakota, and an entrepreneurial, education company called Birthing of Giants. For more than 20 years Norm has written “Street Smarts,” a monthly column in Inc. magazine. He is the author of a well-respected business book, *The Knack*. He provides pro bono business consulting advice to a significant number of entrepreneurs who come to visit him in his office in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Norm is also a strong advocate for the community’s transit needs and has hosted meetings for local residents and businesses to weigh in on the impacts of the ongoing L train repairs.

Elaine, an Elmira College graduate and former teacher, also worked as a mental health professional and conducted family workshops for Inc. Magazine conferences for many years. The Brodskys have won several business awards for their company culture which has been featured in various business books and magazine articles. Elaine is a Board member of the League Education and Treatment Center and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. She has been the Chair of the North Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce since its inception, over four years ago. The couple is actively involved with the North Brooklyn Angels mobile food truck which delivers meals and offers counseling services to the local neighborhood.

Elaine and Norm have been married for 48 years and are the proud parents of their two daughters, Beth and Rachel, and grandparents to Sophie, Eitan, and Ava.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the magnanimous contributions of Norm and Elaine Brodsky, whose dedication to community is truly an inspiration.

HONORING THE MESSIAH COLLEGE
MEN’S SOCCER TEAM FOR WIN-
NING THE NCAA DIVISION III NA-
TIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I extend sincere congratulations to the Messiah College

Men’s Soccer Team for winning the NCAA Division III National Championship. This is the 11th time the Messiah Falcons earned the title, “National Champions.”

The Falcons defeated the North Park Vikings in a 2–1 victory on December 2, 2018. The win completed a 24–2 campaign for the Falcons that matched their team record for single-season wins, while also making Messiah 11-for-11 in title game appearances.

The dedication and perseverance of these student athletes should inspire everyone. I extend my congratulations as well to head coach Brad McCarty, and the school officials, family and friends who supported these young men on their incredible journey.

On behalf of Pennsylvania’s Fourth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate the Messiah College Men’s Soccer Team on the hard work and determination that led to their National Championship.

RECOGNIZING LANCE LINARES

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Lance Linares on the occasion of his retirement as CEO of the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County after twenty-two years in the position. Lance’s career began at KUSP, a Christian music broadcasting station in the area. Following his time at KUSP, Lance found his home at the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County. The Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County helps non-profit agencies establish the funds they need in order to serve their communities. Under his leadership, the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County’s work has supported the arts, education, health, human services, environmental advocacy, and disaster relief.

Under Lance’s leadership, the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County grew from \$6 million in assets at the start of his tenure to over \$100 million in assets. Lance’s ability to connect charitable and community oriented organizations with funds is just one example of his successes. He maintains that his efforts would not have been possible without the Santa Cruz community’s support and charitable character. Many local philanthropic organizations who benefit from this support, such as the Jack and Peggy Baskin Center for Philanthropy, Healthy Kids Initiative, and Second Harvest Food Bank stand as a testament to these efforts. Lance’s support of impact investment also helps support small businesses which ultimately expand and foster economic growth in the community. As the representative for the 20th Congressional District of California, I am deeply grateful for Lance’s commitment to serving our communities.

I would like to personally congratulate Mr. Linares on his well-earned retirement and wish him the best with his future endeavors. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Mr. Lance Linares for his twenty-two years of service to the community of Santa Cruz and for bettering the lives of numerous individuals through the projects he has supported during his tenure.

RECOGNIZING MULBERRY BAPTIST
CHURCH ON THEIR 150TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mulberry Baptist Church, of Emmerton, Virginia, on their 150th anniversary. The church was organized in 1868 when David Veney led a group of African-American worshippers to secure letters of proper dismissal and leave Jerusalem Baptist Church to organize a church. David Veney went on to become the first pastor and donated an acre of land for the first building. Mulberry Baptist has been led by 12 pastors in its 150 year history. Through the years, Mulberry has provided a quality Christian foundation for young people who moved from Richmond County upon completing their public school education. Currently, Mulberry has a congregation of approximately 275 members consisting of craftsmen, entrepreneurs, civil servants, doctors, ministers, and educators with weekly worship.

Mr. Speaker, I pray for Christ’s guidance as the congregation comes together in His name and fellowship. May God always bless Mulberry Baptist Church as they continue to spread Christ’s word and remain a light within the community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR.
MURPHY

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Bruce Murphy for his service as president of Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana. Dr. Murphy has spent his career investing in higher education and has tirelessly served as Nicholls’ fifth president over the last four years. Throughout his tenure, many universities across the country struggled to attract and retain students, but Nicholls’ actually increased enrollment four consecutive semesters. I am most impressed by his efforts to prepare students at Nicholls University for successful integration into the real world that awaits upon graduation. The school’s partnership with Fletcher Community College, for example, has resulted in significant progress in workforce development. Aside from his service as president of Nicholls State University, both President Murphy and his wife, Jeanne Murphy, are retired from the U.S. Army, having earned the rank of lieutenant colonel and colonel, respectively. Dr. and Mrs. Murphy generously served on our military academy review board. I am proud that they devoted time in their busy lives to play an active role in the recruitment of young Louisiana leaders to our nation’s military service academies. Thank you Dr. Murphy for your commitment to excellence at Nicholls, your service to the state of Louisiana, and your service to our nation. My sincerest congratulations on an incredible career and your time served as Nicholls’ president.